GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
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SETTING UP OF ATOMIC POWER STATIONS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Atomic Power Stations in the eastern region of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in selecting the new sites for the purpose;

(c) whether the Governmentproposes to set up nucl.ear power plant ii1~West Bengal;

(d) if so, whether any site has been selected for the purpose;

(e) whether fund has been allocated for this purpose; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a)&(b): No suitable sites have so far been identified by the Site Selection Committee of the Department in the Eastern Electricity Region. Moreover, as the region is endowed with significant coal reserves, the priority for setting up of atomic power stations is relatively lower as compared to other regions;

(c) As of now, there is no such plan.

(d) A number of sites proposed by the West Bengal State Government have been considered. So far, no suitable site has been identified.

(e)&(f): Not applicable, in view of the above.